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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1816

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 26, 2007

BILL AMENDED: Feb 23, 2007

SUBJECT: Teacher Certification.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Smith V

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Lubbers

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) *Waiver For Teacher Licensure*- The bill establishes a testing waiver process for teacher licensure.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *Waiver For Teacher Licensure*- It is unknown how many persons would qualify for waiver consideration, under the parameters set within the bill. The Department would have to process the required certification documentation sent by an applicant within existing resources.

If an applicant has done the following, they may be eligible for a teacher licensure testing waiver:

- a) has, at least twice, within the last three years, scored below the cut-score in a test area by no more than three points,
- b) successfully completed relevant PRAXIS II examinations,
- c) received a bachelor's degree with at least a 3.0 GPA,
- d) received at least a 3.2 GPA in the content area to be licensed,
- e) received a composite score of at least 523 points on the PRAXIS I examination,
- f) can verify completion of a student teaching experience with the Division of Professional Standards,
- g) successfully completes all other requirements of the teaching program, and
- h) submits two letters of recommendation from either individuals in a K-12 school that worked with the person or an individual, such as a university faculty member, at the university attended by the person seeking licensure.

Background: The Department reverted \$3.3 M back to the state General Fund at the close of FY 2006.

PRAXIS Examinations- PRAXIS examinations are given by ETS (the current PRAXIS vendor) to applicants directly at various colleges and universities in the state. The PRAXIS examination is currently offered in either paper/pencil or computer-based form. Applicants may retake the examination an unlimited number of times. The fee is \$35 per test area for the Praxis I paper/pencil examination. All three required categories (reading, writing, and mathematics) total \$105 in fees. Fees for computer based tests are \$75 for one test, \$110 for two tests, and \$145 for three tests.

The following table shows the current cut-scores for both versions of PRAXIS I.

Test Area	Paper/Pencil	Computer
Reading	176	323
Writing	172	318
Mathematics	175	320

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Educational Testing Service: www.ets.org; Indiana Department of Education, Division of Professional Standards website: www.doe.state.in.us/dps/faq/teachertesting.html.

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